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926-900 Light St. (West side)
Baltimore, Md.
Private access

1845-1855

This group of houses located along the west side of the 900 block of Light St. were originally all built as two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs, much like the houses to the west along Hamburg and Henrietta Streets. Many, however, have since been enlarged to a full three stories in height and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. Most currently serve a mixed commercial/residential use. The houses located in the southern half of the block, south of Wheeling St. (916-926 Light St.) were built by John S. Gittings as part of his development of the unit block of Hamburg St.; those houses located to the north of Wheeling St. (900-914 Light St.) were built by a variety of individual owners.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

914 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
☒ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, three bay brick building with shed roof represents an enlargement of the original gable roofed house constructed on this site in the late 1840's, and which formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Light St. The first floor area has been converted into a shop-front.

The house is three stories in height, 16' wide, and occupies a lot 80 1/2' deep. The building is located on the north-west corner of Light and Wheeling Streets and extends back along Wheeling St. for eight bays. There is a two story high, four bay deep rear addition joining the main house. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a cornice of Neo-Grec design consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of egg-and-dart carving, and supported by five grooved brackets terminating at their upper edges in anthemions. The brackets (one of which is around the corner on the Wheeling St. facade) connect the cornice to a lower molding strip. The brick frieze area thus formed is punctuated by three scroll-sawed ventilating panels. There is a double hooded chimney located along the north side of the house, at both the front and rear of the house. The rear addition has two chimneys--one on the north side and one on the south side of the four bay deep addition.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are composed of a row of brick headers. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area has been altered in design and re-faced with modern brick. A central, modern panel door with six lights, is flanked by two new windows which have no lintels. The first floor area currently serves as a neighborhood tavern. The entrance opens directly off the street.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1845-1849

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry Ruppel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant as being representative of a large group of three story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable, Victorian style with shed roof and bracketed cornice. The first floor area of the house probably always served as a store-front and the family lived on the two floors above. Buildings of this type served the needs of a growing community which was attracting an influx of small shop-keepers to provide goods and services for the local residents. The builder, and long-time occupant of this house was Henry Ruppel, a carpet weaver who leased the unimproved land for the house from the heirs of Cornelius Howard.¹ Weaver operated his carpet-weaving establishment on these premises until his death in about 1862. Later his wife Mary continued to operate as a carpet weaver at this location.²

¹Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AWB 363, Folio 322; Baltimore City Directory, 1849-50

²B.C.D., 1855-56, 1864

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

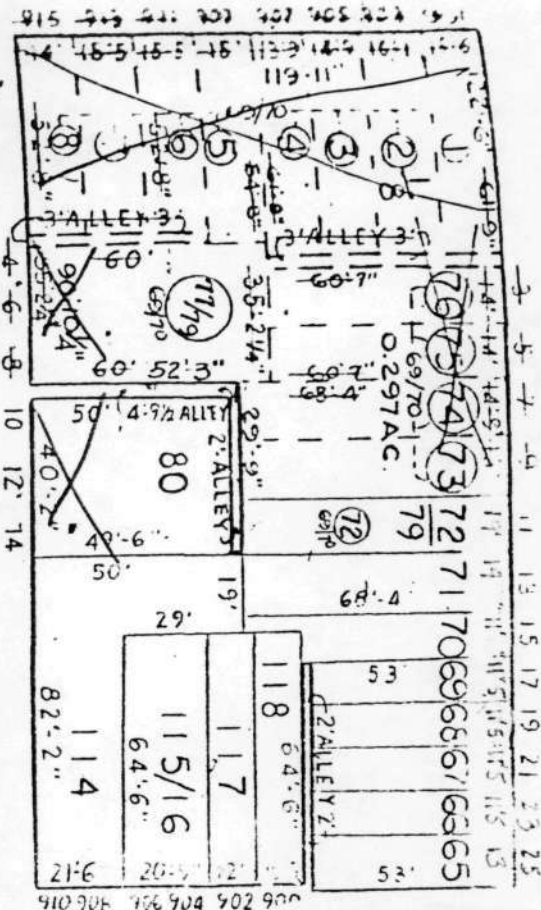
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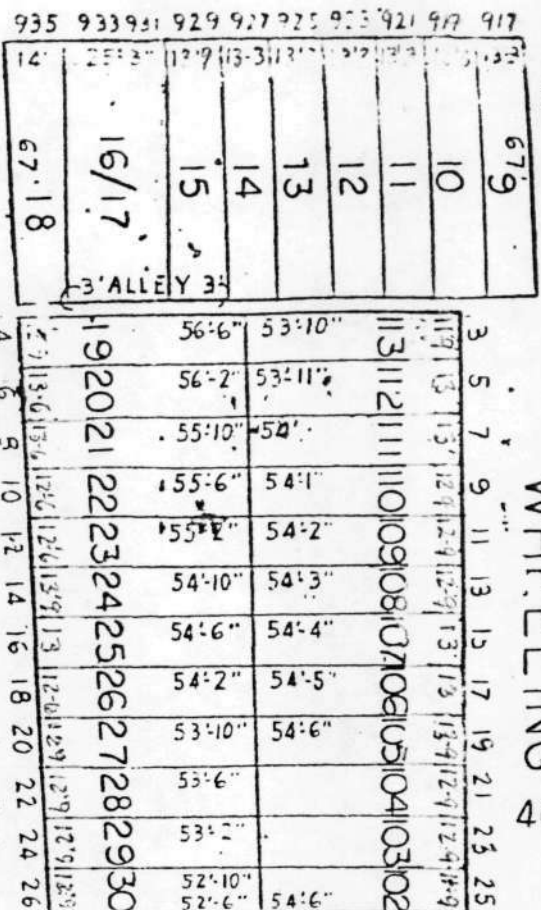
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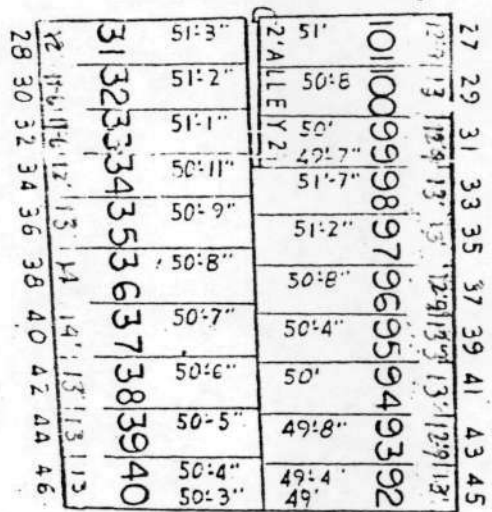
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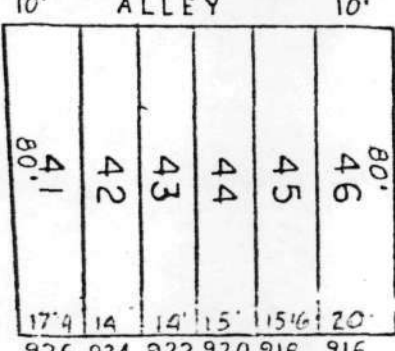
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HARDEN



ST.



LIGHT

E. HAMBURG

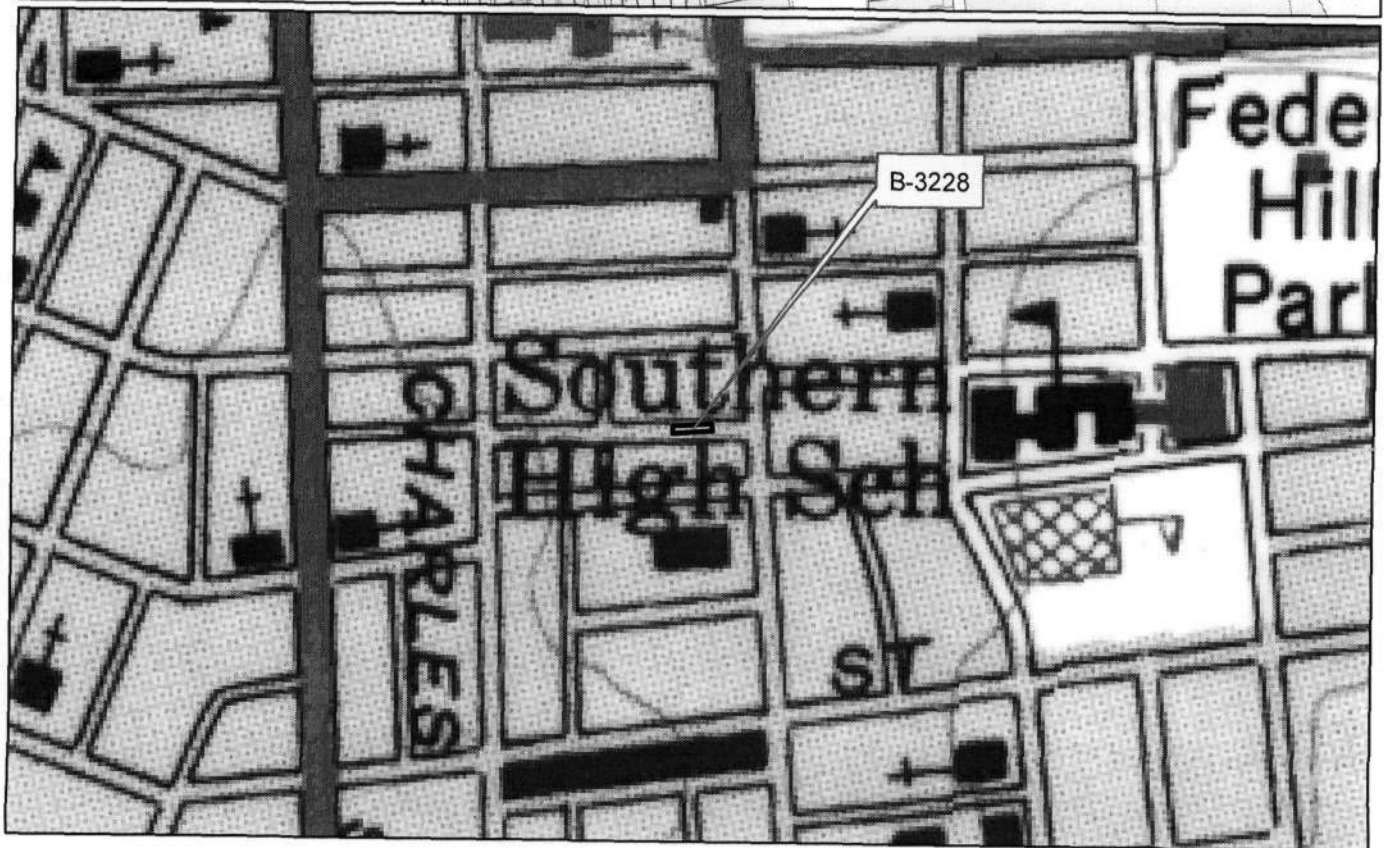
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914 Light Street
Block 0918 Lots 047
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation